

## **Taking controlled prescription drugs abroad.**

### **Personal licences**

As of 1 January 2007, travellers who are intending to go abroad for **periods greater than one month** who are carrying certain prescribed, controlled drugs for their own personal use may require a personal licence.

This licence enables a traveller to take the drug out of this country and then bring any surplus back. This licence does not, however, guarantee that you will be permitted to take the drug into the country that you are visiting. This will be decided by the embassy for that country.

As of 1 January 2007, travellers who are intending to go abroad for **periods of less than one month** will not be required to be individually licensed.

Full details on the processes that must be followed are outlined on the Home Office drugs website as below.

<http://www.drugs.gov.uk/drugs-laws/licensing/personal/?version=2>

It is advisable to discuss any plans to travel abroad with your GP or a member of staff at your substance misuse treatment well in advance of travelling abroad.

Please note, it is the responsibility of the traveller to make the necessary all the necessary arrangements to ensure that they comply with the laws in the UK and their destination country.